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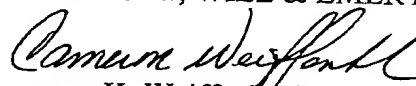
Art Unit No. 1641

RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/743,612
Filing Date: March 13, 2001
Applicant: Takahashi et al.

Dear Examiner Counts:

Attached is a response to the non-final Office Action dated 12/30/03 in the above-referenced patent application along with an amendment transmittal form. Please confirm receipt of this facsimile. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mie TAKAHASHI, et al.

Serial No.: 09/743,612

Group Art Unit: 1641

Filed: March 13, 2001

Examiner: GARY W. COUNTS

For: CHROMATOGRAPHY QUANTITATIVE MEASUREMENT ... USED THEREFOR

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. X Transmitted herewith is an amendment for the above-identified application.

STATUS

2. X Applicant is is small entity - verified statement:
 attached already filed.
X other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TIME

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136 apply.

- (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time for the total number of months checked below:

EXTENSION (months)	FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY	FEE FOR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
<u> </u> one month	\$ 55.00	\$ 110.00
<u> </u> two months	205.00	410.00
<u> </u> three months	465.00	930.00
<u> </u> four months	725.00	1,450.00

Fee \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

- An extension for months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this Request \$

- (b) X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

4. X The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	:	:	:	:	:
Claims	24	28	0	x \$ 18.00 =	0.00
Independent	:	:	:	:	:
Claims	3	3	0	x \$ 84.00 =	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (first presentation)					0.00
Total					0.00
Reduction by 1/2 for small entity					0
TOTAL FEE					\$ 0.00

- (a) X No additional fee for claims is required.

-OR-

- (b) The total additional fee for claims required \$

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the amount of \$.
- Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0417 the amount of \$. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for accounting purposes.

FEE DEFICIENCY

- X If any additional extension and/or fee is required, this is the request therefor and to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0417.

AND/OR

- X If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

MCDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY

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